

## Preface

It is a great pleasure for our laboratory and I hope to all researchers of the world working in Paleobotany that the Centenary of Prof. Dr. Gábor ANDREÁNSZKY will be commemorated. Some years ago, at the meeting of the Paleontological Commission of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Dr. M. JÁRAI-KOMLÓDI (a member of the commission) proposed first the organization of a ceremonial meeting on this occasion. Prof. Dr. B. GÉCZY a member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences as the president of the Commission, supported this proposal in every respect, and all members of the Commission were also for this idea. In the beginning of this year the first circular was distributed by Dr. L. HABLY, with the information that on 27–29 June 1995, there will be a conference in Eger for the Centenary of Gábor ANDREÁNSZKY organized by the following institutions:

Hungarian Geological Society,  
Hungarian Natural History Museum,  
Hungarian Academy of Sciences,  
University of Rolando Eötvös Nominatae,  
High School of Eszterházy Nominatae and by the  
Mátra Museum.

A part of the contribution of our laboratory to this important meeting is this number of Plant Cell Biology and Development. It is a great pleasure for me, thanks to all the contributors of this number, that the multidisciplinary character of Paleobotany could be recognized in the matter presented herein. Its ideas were realized on other fields in several papers a long time ago by Prof. Dr. G. ANDREÁNSZKY.

Regarding my personal interests, I was student when Dr. ANDREÁNSZKY visited the Department of Botany as a member of the Commission of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He showed great interest in my microphotographs taken from the thin slides of fossil woods, and inspired me to do further investigations. Later, when I was a young assistant, he was the reviewer of my first self-made paper in German, which was published in *Acta Biol. Szeged.*, 1958. After that he was one of the reviewers of my dissertation for the degree of Candidate of Biol. Sci. All his remarks and criticisms were extremely useful and valuable for me. During my palynological investigations on Hungarian Paleogene layers I tried to express my honour to this great scientist and

the very humanitarian and nice man with the nomination of the following new form-species:

*Monocolpopollenites andreanszkyi*; Acta Bot. Acad. Sci. Hung. 11, p. 328.

*Retitricolporites andreanszkyi*; Studia Biol. Acad. Sci. Hung. 15, p. 81, 82.

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